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In Reply Refer To
Application 2056

Mr. Jerry W. Shore
Shore's Nursery Loading Yard
Highway 18
Laurel Springs Post Office
Laurel Springs, North Carolina 28644

Dear Mr. Shore:

Our investigation of your three STAA reasonable access route requests for Shore's Nursery is complete. All of the routes that you requested were included in route requests we received from other Christmas tree farms. Those requests have now been investigated, therefore, we can automatically approve or deny your requests without further investigation.

At this time, we have found the following route to be acceptable by traffic engineering standards and hereby grant approval for your firm to run STAA dimensioned vehicles along this route contingent upon someone flagging when STAA dimensioned vehicles are entering and exiting the loading yard. The approved route is described as follows:

- **STAA Reasonable Access Route Application Number 2056-1: US 21 from I-77 in Surry County, northward through Wilkes County into Alleghany County to SR 1172 (Grandview Drive) in Sparta, then south on SR 1172 to SR 1206 (North Sparta Parkway), then north on SR 1206 to NC 18, then west on NC 18 to Shore's Nursery loading yard located behind the Laurel Springs post office. Also includes SR 1138 (C. C. Camp Road) from I-77 in Surry County, westbound to US 21 Bypass (access to US 21 Bypass from southbound I-77).**

All weight limits that may exist on this route must be observed.

At this time, we are unable to approve the other two routes that you requested. The second route (Route 2056-2 shown below) is not approved because it goes through downtown Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro and requires several right angle turns. An alternate route for future consideration by Shore's Nursery could follow US 421 Business/NC 115 from US 421 to NC 18 and then north along NC 18. If desired, Shore's Nursery may reapply for this alternate route and an engineering investigation will be performed.

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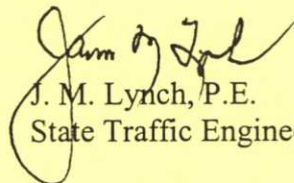
We also cannot approve your third route request (Route 2056-3 shown below) because the "all vehicle" accident rate and the "trucks only" accident rate exceed critical rates.

Therefore, the following routes are **not approved**.

- **STAA Reasonable Access Route Application Number 2056-2:** NC 18 from US 421 in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, north through North Wilkesboro and into Alleghany County to Shore's Nursery loading yard located behind the Laurel Springs post office.
- **STAA Reasonable Access Route Application Number 2056-3:** NC 93 from the Virginia/North Carolina state line south to NC 113, then south along NC 113 to NC 18, and then west on NC 18 to Shore's Nursery loading yard located behind the Laurel Springs post office.

If desired, Shore's Nursery may reapply for alternate routes. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Yours very truly,

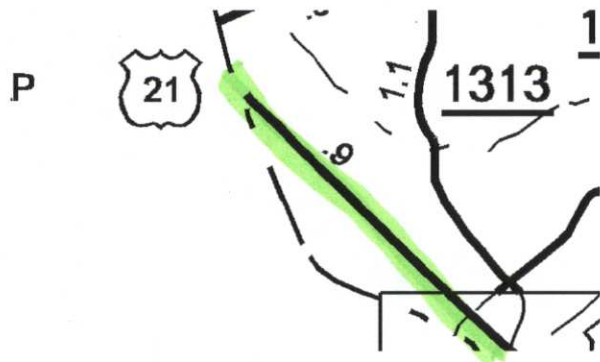
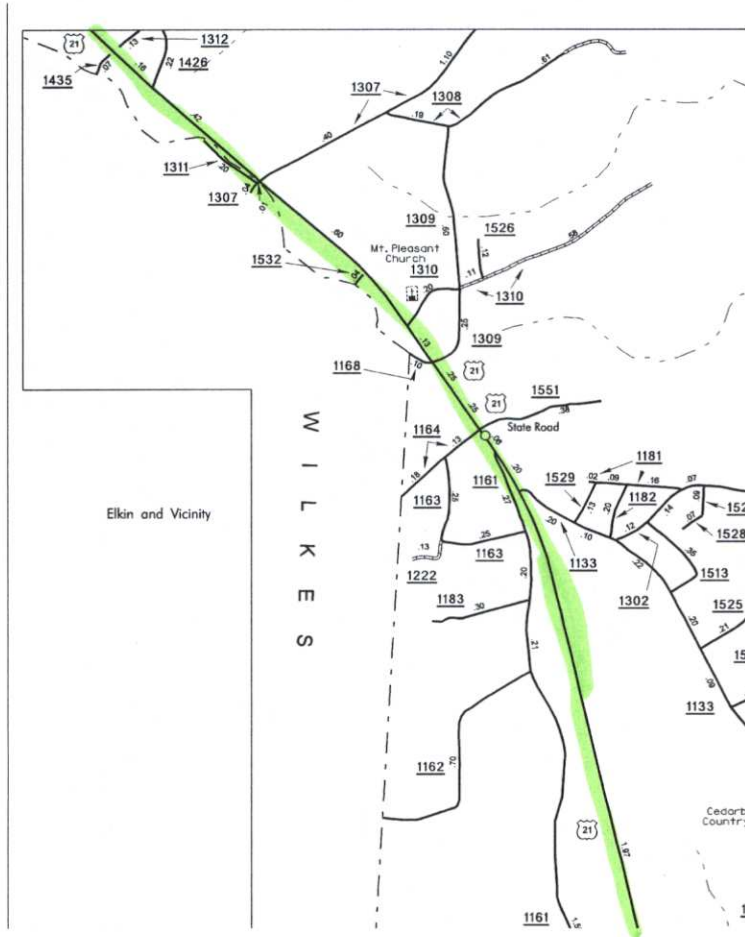

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State Traffic Engineer

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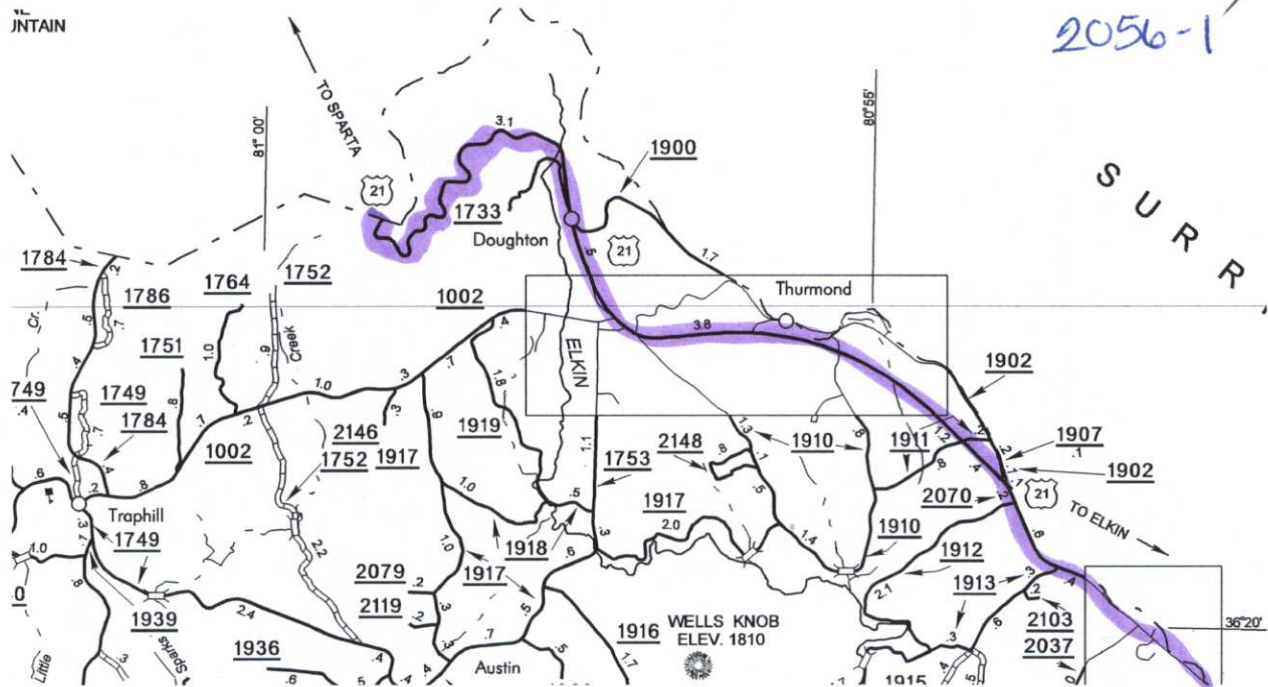
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